



Juvenile Justice

A social story to help explain the juvenile justice process



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How to Use a Social Story

Social stories are visual ways to help explain complex processes and ideas to children and to people who benefit from concrete, visual explanations. The social stories can be modified to fit any situation.

Tips for using the social story:

Introduce the story early to help prepare the person for what is going to happen.

If possible, modify the story to fit the needs of the individual. Including specific people or places may be helpful.

Read the social story to the person several times, on several occasions before the event in order to allow the person time to become familiar and process the information.

This social story is for informational purposes only and not for the purpose of providing legal advice.

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I can always ask my attorney questions
and he or she will help me understand.



After the hearing, my attorney will talk to me and tell me what will happen next.



Today, I am going to the Marion County Juvenile Justice Center.



I will meet with my attorney.



My attorney will tell me what is going to happen today.

I should listen to my attorney.
My attorney will tell me what to do during the hearing.



If I don't understand what my attorney says, I will tell my attorney.

There might be other people there to talk about me and what happened.



He or she will help make sure I understand.

I will go into a courtroom.



My parents may also be in the room, but I shouldn't talk to them unless my attorney says it is ok.



The most important thing to do is to tell
the truth.



My attorney might ask me questions.



Another attorney might ask me questions.
The Judge might ask me questions.



If I don't understand the question, I can
ask my attorney to help me understand.

